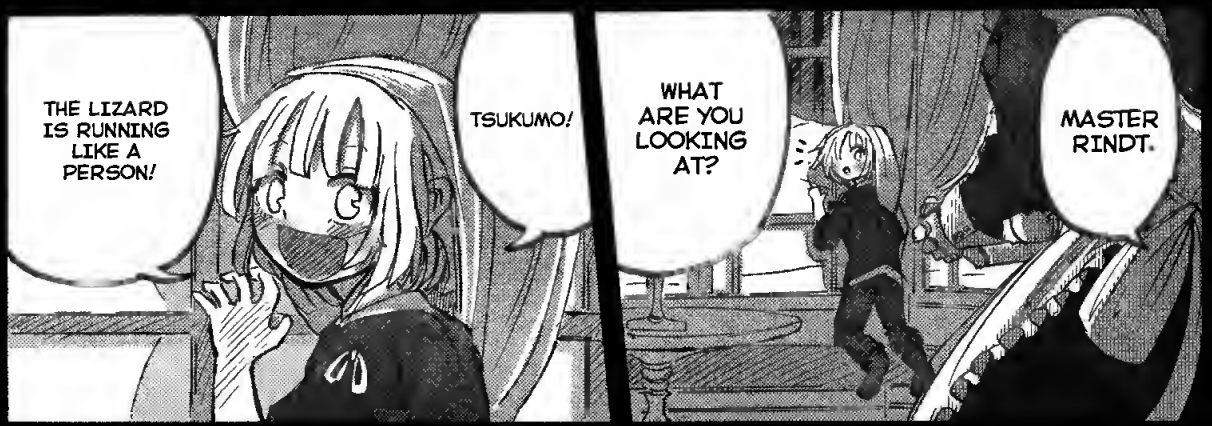

TL NOTE: TSUKUMO IS AN ARCHAIC WAY TO SAY 99. CF. TSUKUMOGAMI

INDEED, SIR.
THAT IS A FRILLED-NECK LIZARD.
IN AN EMERGENCY, IT CAN USE BIPEDAL LOCOMOTION TO ESCAPE.
HOWEVER, IT MAY DIE FROM THE STRESS INVOLVED.
WOW...
AMAZING!
MOM KNOWS ABOUT EVERYTHING!

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MOM?
AHHH HHH HA HA HA HA!
THIS MUST BE THE FAMOUS SCENE WHERE HE ACCIDENTALLY CALLS HIS TEACHER "MOM"!
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DON'T LAUGH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT CRACKS ME UP THIS MUCH! AHAH, AHAH, AHAHAHA!

NO... I'M VERY HAPPY
THAT I'VE BECOME LIKE A PARENT TO YOU.
MASTER RINDT...
I WILL RISK LIFE AND LIMB
TO PROTECT YOU.
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...
TSUKUMO...
HOWEVER
TSUKUMO VANISHED FROM MY SIGHT.
I REMAINED IMPRISONED IN THAT MANSION, IN THE TOWN'S BOWELS.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL.
IN THIS WORLD, YOU CAN'T GET WHAT YOU WANT UNLESS YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH.
SO STRONG!
A WEAK HUMAN
S...
CAN'T EVEN PROTECT HIS OWN LIFE.
NOW THEN...
LET'S GET TO WORK!

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-HANDRED-
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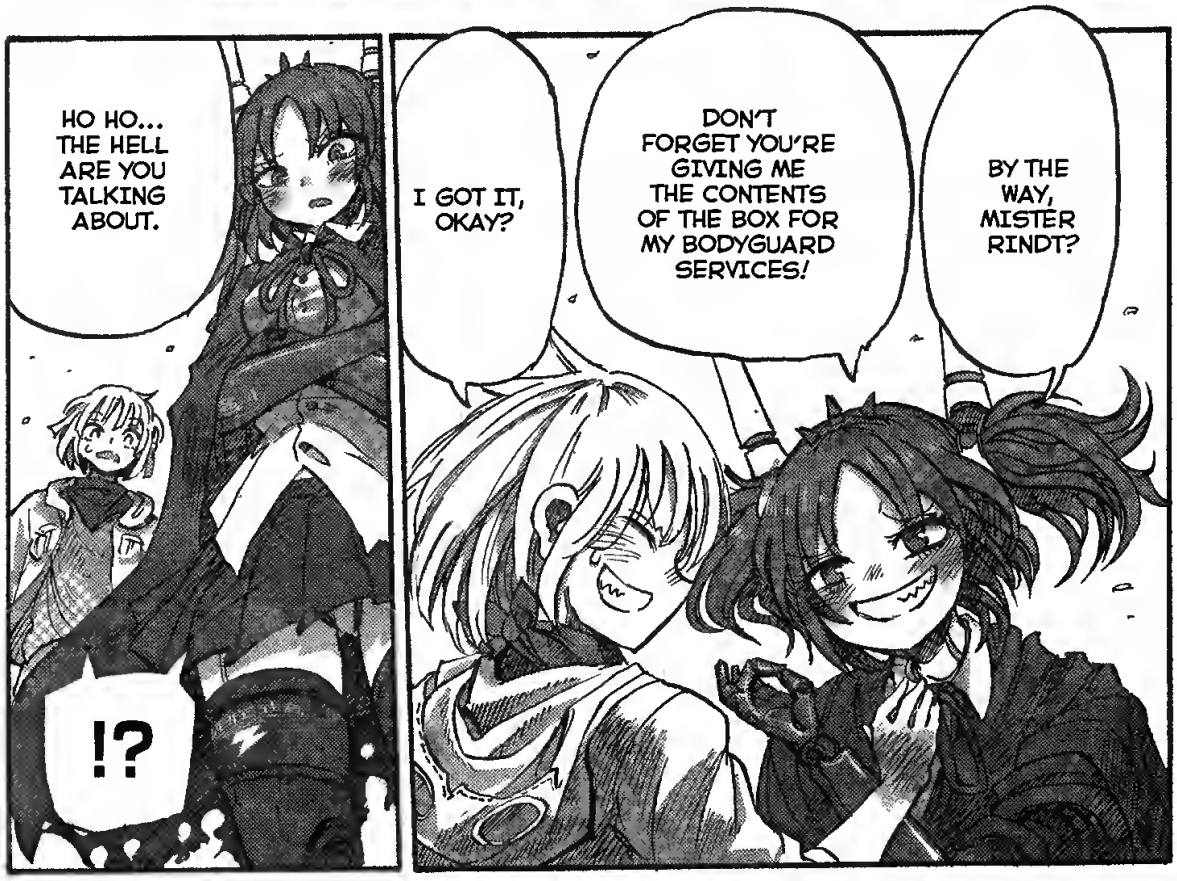
AS LONG AS YOU'VE GOT ITS ELECTRONIC BRAIN CORE, AN ANDROID CAN COME BACK TO LIFE!
NO WAY!
CURSE YOUUU!
UGH...
ARE THEY ALL... DEAD?


HO HO... THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT.
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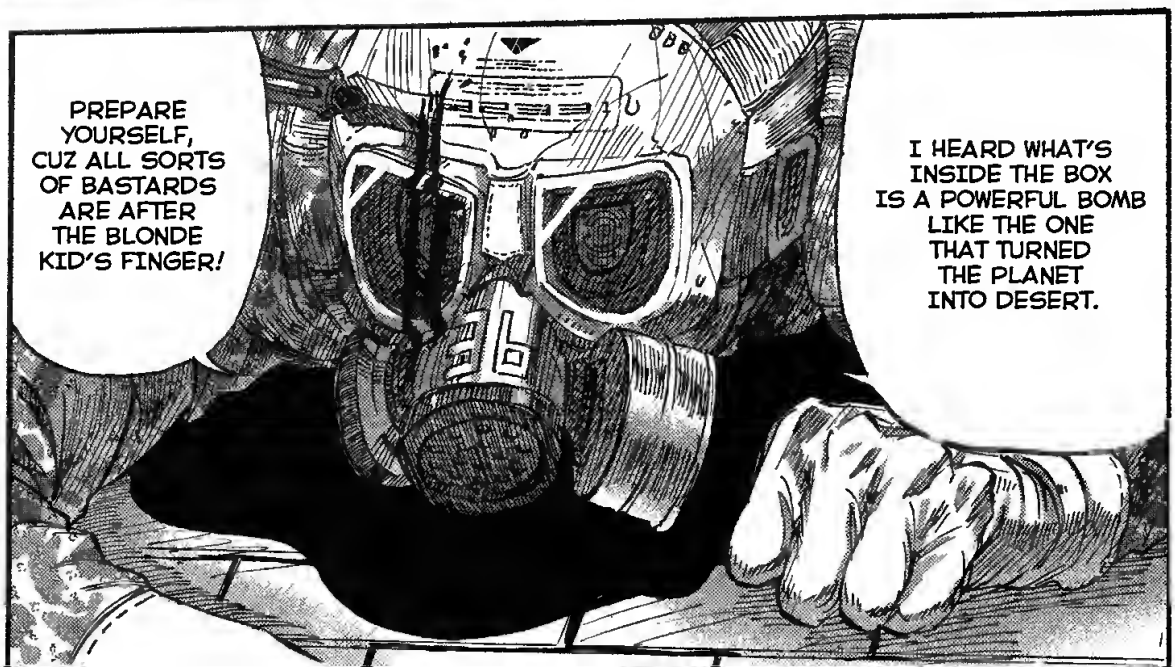
I GOT IT, OKAY?
DON'T FORGET YOU'RE GIVING ME THE CONTENTS OF THE BOX FOR MY BODYGUARD SERVICES!
BY THE WAY, MISTER RINDT?


PREPARE YOURSELF, CUZ ALL SORTS OF BASTARDS ARE AFTER THE BLONDE KID'S FINGER!
I HEARD WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOX IS A POWERFUL BOMB LIKE THE ONE THAT TURNED THE PLANET INTO DESERT.

G-GUH! TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
IT'S DEFINITELY MONEY! MONEY!
SHADDUP, DUMMY!
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RINDT!

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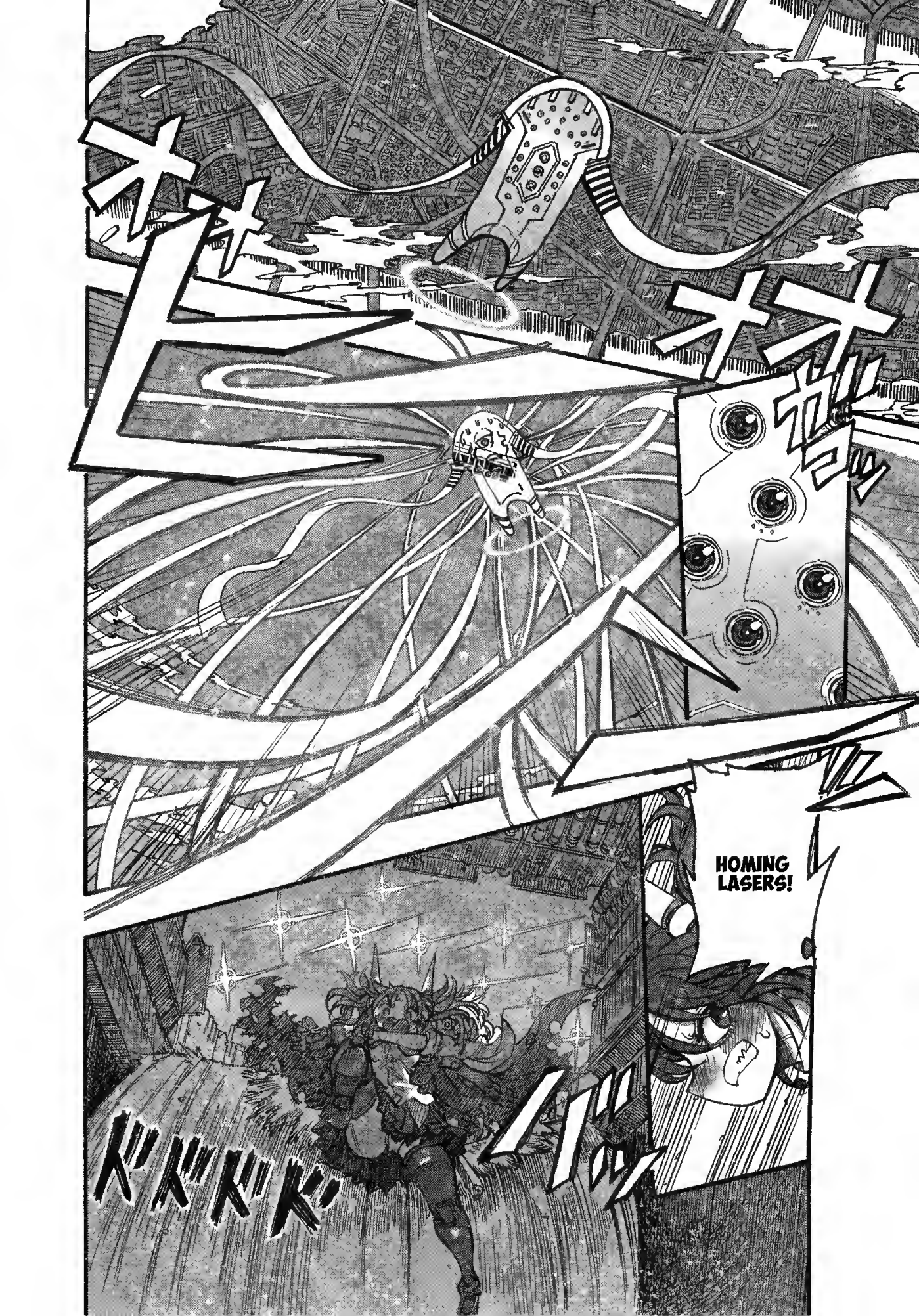
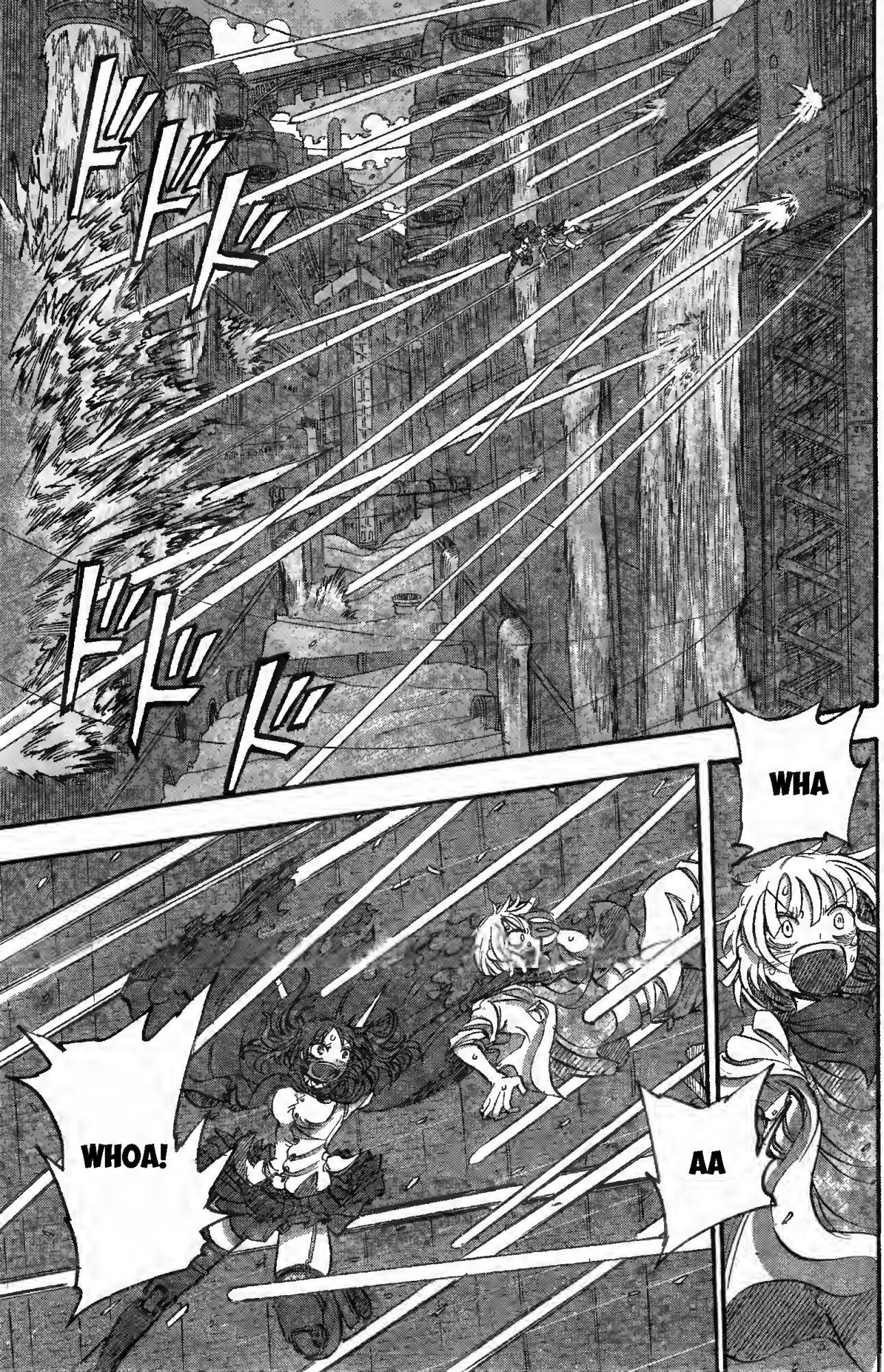
ONE-EYE...!


HOMING LASERS!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THAT ONE-EYE... I WONDER IF I CAN HACK HIM?
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(THOSE DAMN KIDS... WHERE'D THEY HIDE?!)
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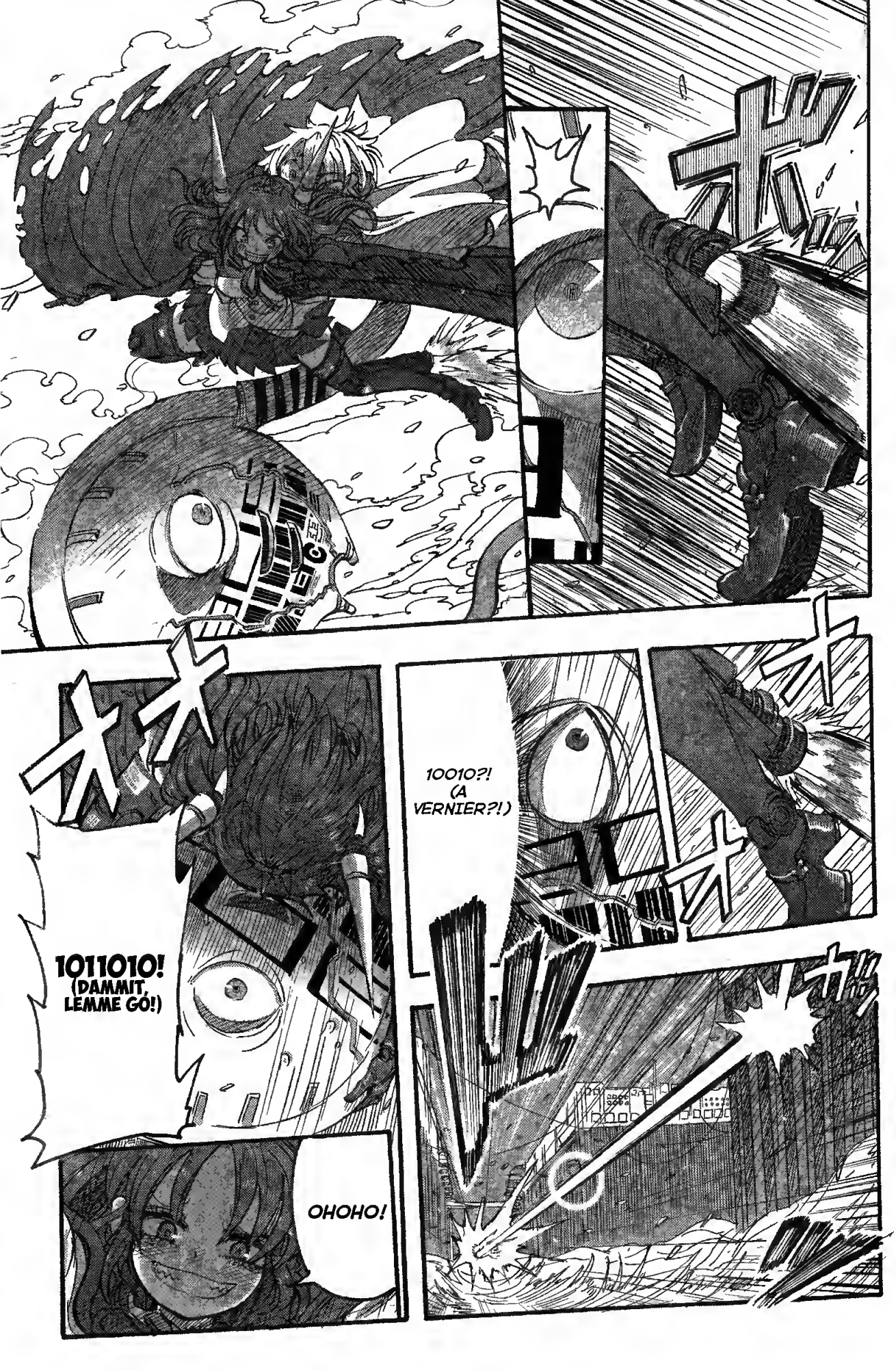
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(A VERNIER?!)
1011010!
(DAMMIT, LEMME GO!)
OHOHO!

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(WHA...?!)
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(S...STOP IT!
YOUR FACE
IS TOO CLOSE!)
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(SHE...!)
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(SHE'S
TAKING
OVER MY
BODY!)

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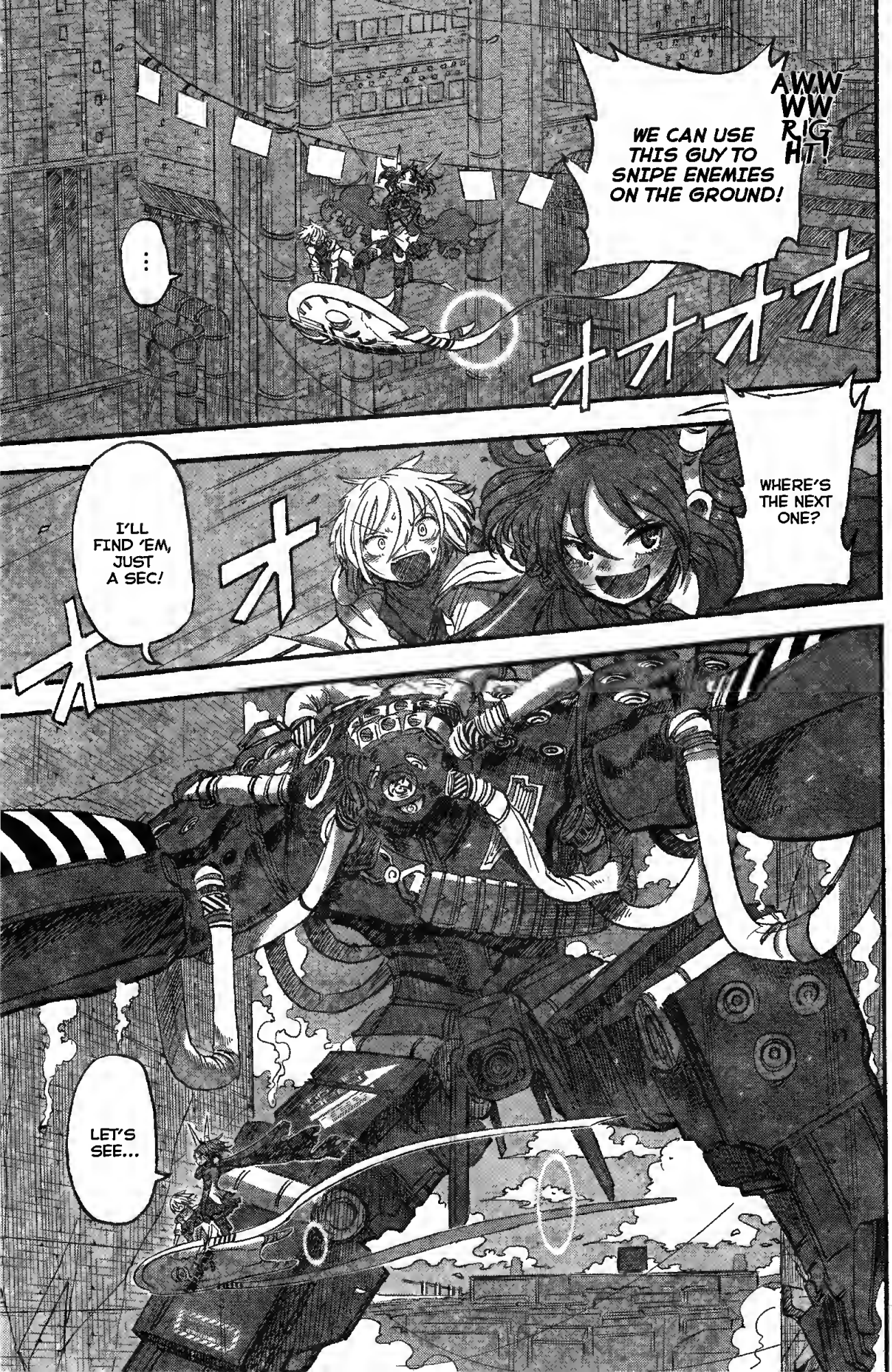
WE'RE FALLLLLING!
DON'T PANIC, SILLY!
LET'S FLY!
OKAY...

HACKED


AWWWWRIGHT!
WE CAN USE THIS GUY TO SNIPE ENEMIES ON THE GROUND!
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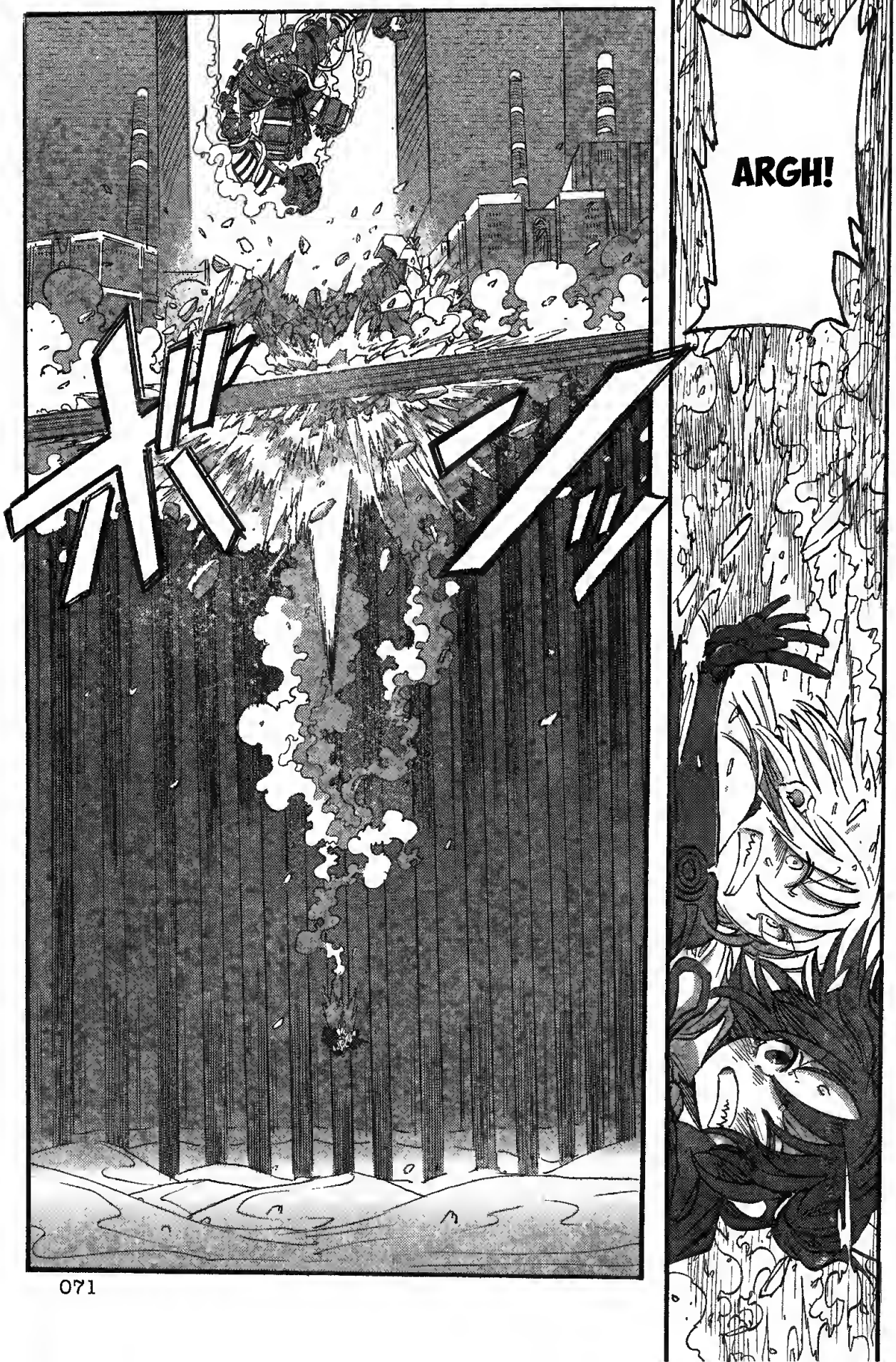
WHERE'S THE NEXT ONE?
I'LL FIND 'EM, JUST A SEC!
LET'S SEE...

OOOF!


ARGH!

WHAT'S THIS?
YOU'RE WEAK! "HANDRED" TOO!
HEY, WANNA GIVE ME THE CONTENTS OF THE BOX?
HUH?!
THAT'S...
HUGE!
BIG CRUNCH! ...RIGHT?
PWAH!
GOT A BIGUN', HUH.

THE FINGER IS MINE!
MUH?!
HANDRED!
WHAT?!
DO YOU SEE THAT MANSION?!
WHAT ABOUT IT?!
THAT'S MY OLD HOME!

A ROBOT THAT LOOKED A LOT LIKE YOU, HANDRED!
I USED TO LIVE THERE WITH AN ANDROID!
YEAH!
AND THAT'S...
GRRRRRR...!
GRAAH!

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO ME IN THIS WORLD...
IS FAMILY!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY PRIDE OR REPUTATION...
AS LONG AS I CAN SEE HER!
I SEE...
THEN THAT MUST BE WHAT DRIVES YOU.
GRRRR!

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DON'T IGNORE MEEEE!
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YOU SIT RIGHT THERE AND WATCH.
YOU'RE GETTING YOUR MONEY'S WORTH!

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CRAP!
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IT PENE-
TRATED?!
AH?

BIG CRUNCH
EEEEK!
バシュ
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S-SPARE ME...
……
A KID?
HMPH!

WHO KNOWS?
WHY WOULD HE BE AFTER THE BOX?
HE HAD THIS HUGE CHASSIS, SO MAYBE HE WANTED POWERFUL WEAPONS.
THIS TOY IS TOO MUCH FOR A KID.
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YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
WILLING TO GET HURT FOR THIS...
WHY IS EVERYBODY...
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I'M DIFF-ERENT!
THEY ATTACKED ME FIRST!
THE WORLD'S RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DEPLETED.
NOBODY CAN GET ENOUGH OF WHAT THEY WANT.
DID YOU THINK PEOPLE COULD BE BUDDIES, HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT?
FUEL...
MONEY...
FOOD...
WATER..
WOMEN..
YOU COULD KEEP THAT LIST GOING FOR A LONG TIME.
RINDT.

YOU TOO ARE FATED TO STEAL FROM SOMEONE ELSE ONE DAY.
AND YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
THAT'S RIGHT!
DESTINY, HUH...
OKAY, ONE MORE.

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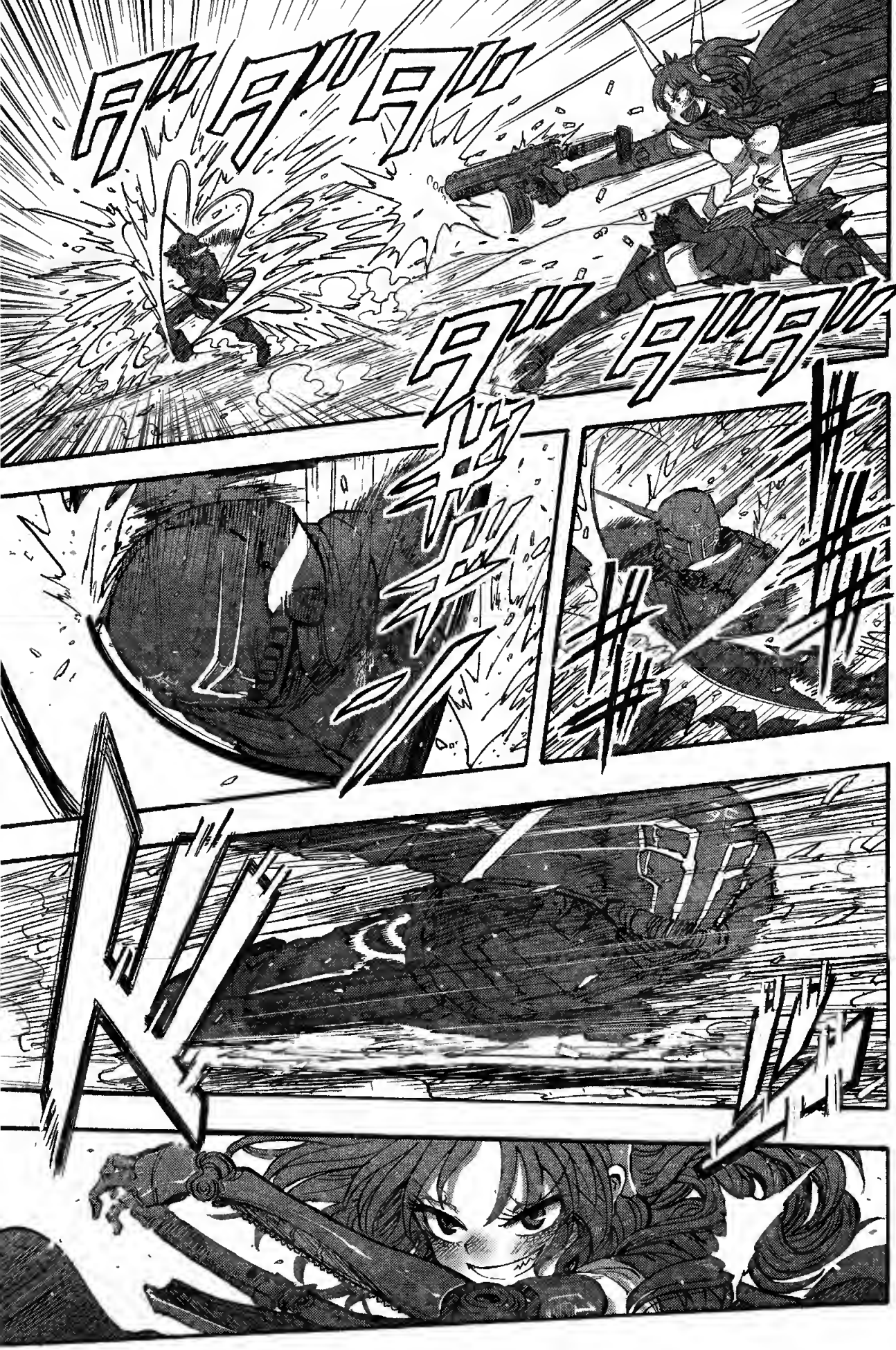
WHAT...?!
HAND RED!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AHA HA HA!
EASY WIN!
YOU CAN COME DOWN NOW, RINDT.
LET'S HURRY UP AND OPEN THE BOX SO YOU CAN GIVE ME MY MONEY.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, LOOK FOR IT YOURSELF.
WHAT'S SO SURPRISING? ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
ONCE ALL THE ATTACKERS ARE BROUGHT DOWN, THAT'LL BE THE END OF OUR ARRANGEMENT.
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HANDRED...
WELL, I MIGHT BE A BIT RELUCTANT TO GO.
YOU'RE CLUMSY BUT AMUSING.

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HAND RED!

I LET MY GUARD DOWN!

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COULD THAT BE...?
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NO WAY...
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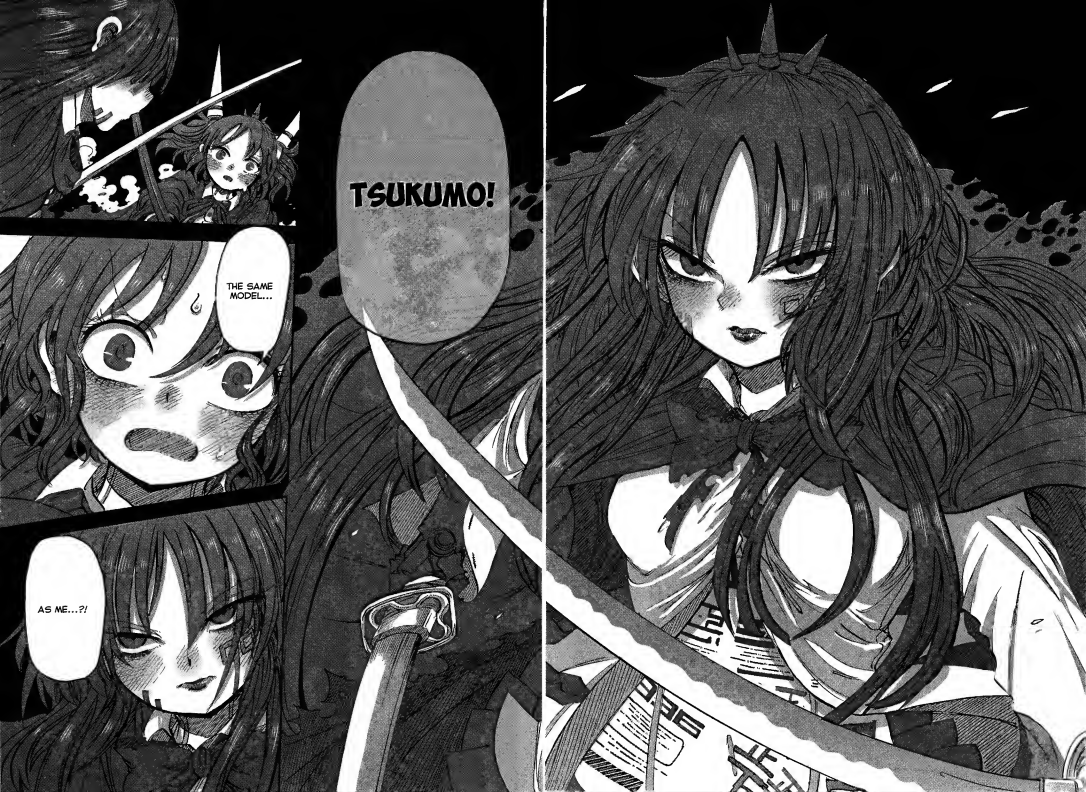
SO YOU WERE WEARING EXTRA ARMOR!


TSUKUMO!
THE SAME MODEL...
AS ME...?!

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FAST!
TSUKU-
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RINDT!
BA THU MP
BA THU MP
SHOOT HER!
SHE'S AFTER YOUR FINGER TOO!
HURRY!

RINDT...!
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TSUKUMO...
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU THIS SOON...
YOUR APPEARANCE IS DIFFERENT, BUT... YOU'RE TSUKUMO, RIGHT?!

YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY WHY YOU LEFT...
SEEING YOU AGAIN...
IS ENOUGH FOR ME...
THAT'S RIGHT, WE'VE FOUND EACH OTHER AGAIN!
LET'S LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN...
IN THAT MANSION... JUST LIKE BEFORE!
I DON'T NEED THIS GUN!
C'MON! HUG ME, JUST LIKE OLD TIMES...!

EVERYONE WANTED WHATEVER'S INSIDE THAT BOX...
NOBODY'S COMING... WE DON'T NEED ANYBODY ELSE!
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IT'S BEEN ROUGH GOING... BUT EVERYTHING'S FINE NOW!
I DON'T CARE WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOX!
AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU, TSUKUMO...
YEAH.
AS FOR ME

TSUKUMO...
TSUKUMO...
Mom...!

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TSU...
TSU-
KUMO...!
WHY...
WHY ARE
YOU
DOING
THIS?!

HEHEH...
TO BE SO EASILY DECEIVED BY APPEAR-ANCES...
YOU'RE QUITE THE HOPELESS YOUNG WHELP...
!?
WELL, I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO DENYING THIS BODY IS THAT OF TSUKUMO.
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?!
CAN'T YOU TELL THAT I'M A FAIR YOUNG MAIDEN?
WHO ARE YOU?!
JUST WHO-
IN THE HELL-
YOU TWO ALREADY KNOW WHO I AM.
LET US SAY...

HUH ...?!
IT IS MY FAULT THAT THIS HAPPENED TO YOU.
DON'T TELL ME...?!
HO HO HO!
AS YOU HAVE DEDUCED, I AM DESCENDED FROM THAT FAMILY.

I BORROWED THIS ANDROID BODY AND RETURNED TO THIS TOWN.
FAREWELL.
TO ANSWER SUCH FRIVOLOUS QUESTIONS.
I HAVE NO REASON
I AM THE FORMER KEEPER OF THE KEY.
YES.
WHY DID YOU COME BACK...?
WHY TSUKUMO'S BODY...?
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WHO DISAP-PEARED/
THE LAST KEEPER...
HE TRANS-FERRED HIS MIND INTO AN ANDROID.../

HEY LOOK.
IT'S THE KEYHOLDER.
HE'S STILL GOT FINGERS ON 'IM!
GET HIS RIGHT FINGERS AND HIS TOES!
...!
HANDRED!
HA... HANDRED!

WHY DIDN'T YOU SHOOT HER.
I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THAT ANDROID.
ONCE I TAKE HER OUT, I'LL HAVE THE FINGERS, AND I WON'T NEED YOU TO OPEN THE BOX.

HAN...!
SO LONG.
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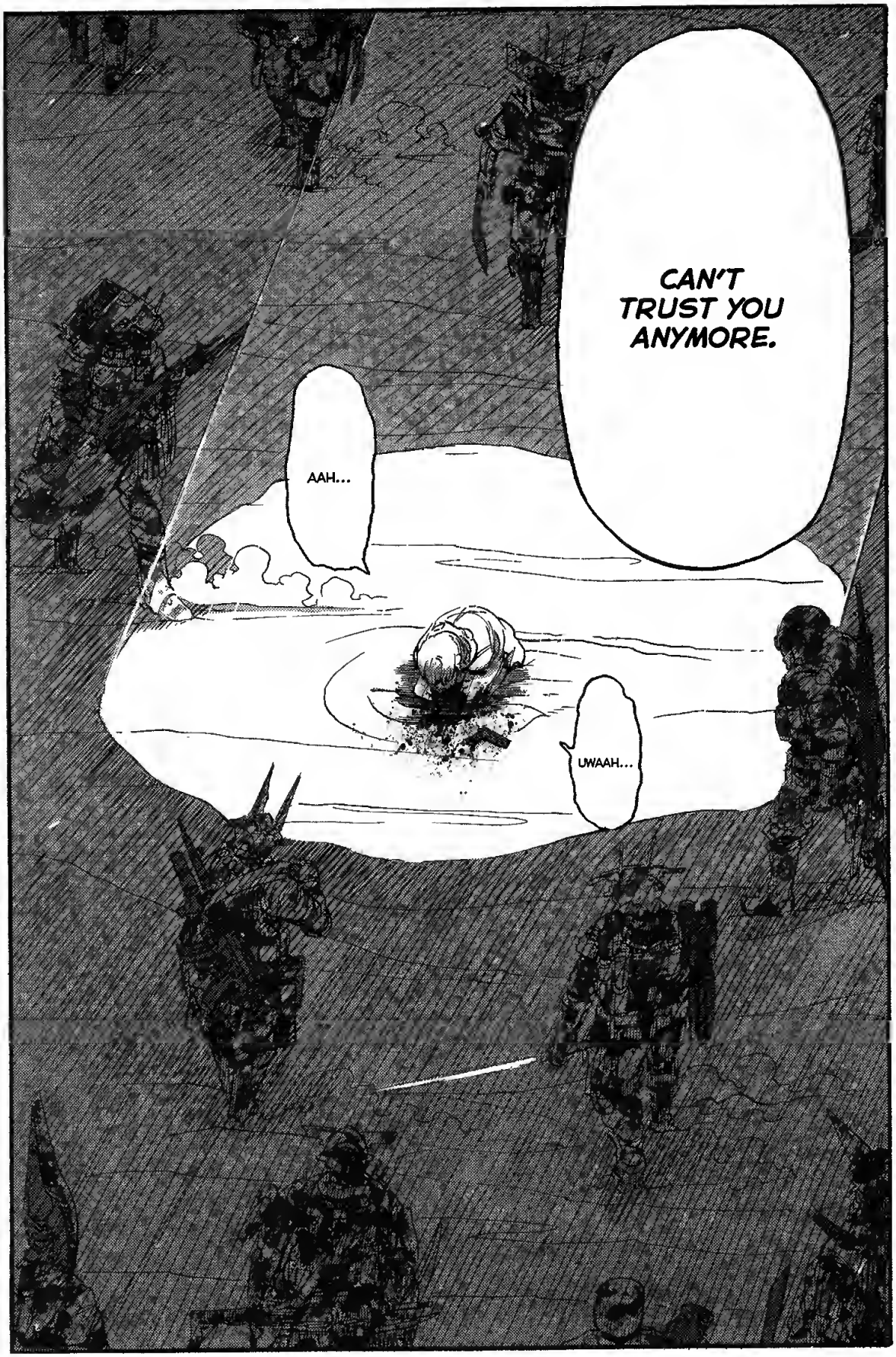
I...
KUH...
UGH...


CAN'T TRUST YOU ANYMORE.
AAH...
UWAAH...